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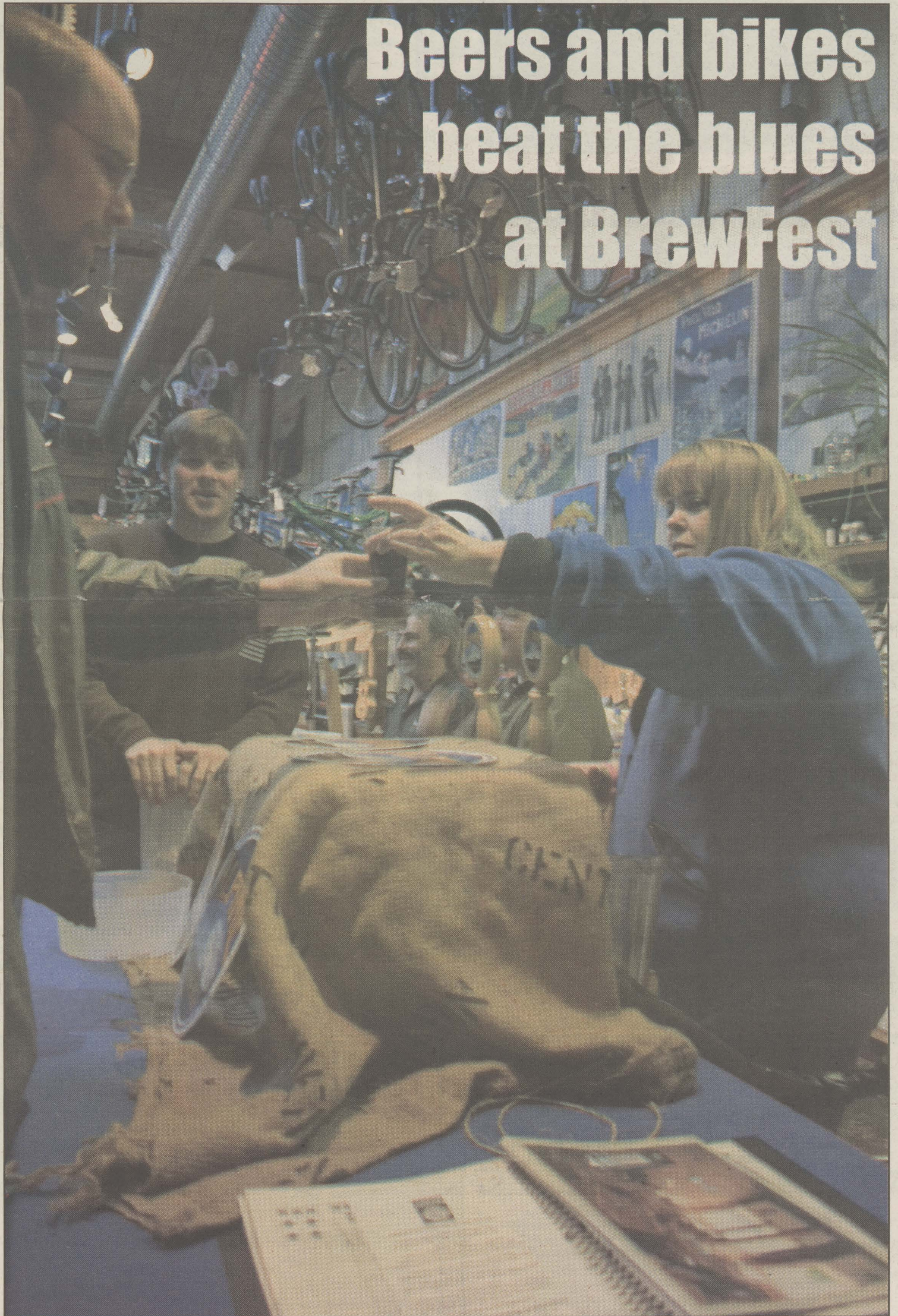
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Maggie Schmidt/observer

Dining services is on track to have its second straight year of losing money. The operation lost of \$760,026 last year, missing its projected revenue goal by \$2.34 million.

Administration explains dining services finances

by Tieh-Pai Chen
Senior reporter

Note: This article is the first of two regarding Central Washington University's dining services. The next story will be on what the dining services has done to try to bring their finances back to the black and comparing the current and upcoming meal plan.

Those who swipe their connection cards might not feel the difference; however, for students who pay cash for their on-campus food purchase, the fluctuation of the prices can easily be noticed from the thickness of their wallets. If you're a Cats C-store regular, you might have found the prices of many items, especially sweet or meat products like candy and beef jerky, have been floating up and down since last fall quarter.

"Prices were changing on some items weekly," said Jeff Rosenberry, ASCWU vice president for student life and facilities. "You never really knew how much you would pay for an item. That inconsistency created some animosity among students because they don't know exactly how much they're paying for stuff."

Dining services in early September 2005 tried to explain the increase in food prices as due to several reasons. According to a press release, Hurricane Katrina affected transportation costs. In addition, the higher labor costs in Washington state also resulted in higher prices to consumers.

Kevin Kimball, associate vice president for Business and Financial Affairs, said Central Washington University's

dining services had an operating loss of \$760,026 in the 2004-2005 fiscal year. Not only did dining services not make its projected net income goal of \$1,585,164, they ended up with a net operating loss of \$760,026, which added up a \$2.34 million combined budget shortfall that reduced the fund balance reserve and put the dining services into a volatile financial situation, according to Patrick Stanton, enterprise financial manager.

"The retail prices in the C-store were not changed for a year, while the costs to purchase the products increased," Stanton said. "Take Captain Crunch for example, the suggested retail price is supposed to be \$5.99. But it was sold for \$4.89. That created a big problem to the business. And that's just one of the reasons dining services need to raise the food price."

Some students still have concerns about dining services' explanation.

"We all heard Hurricane Katrina and cost of fuel, but the problem is they were using that as an excuse for raising prices, and not once did they ever mention to the students the debt they had incurred," Rosenberry said. "So there is a very big piece of puzzle that's not being expressed, not being clearly identified to the students and the students have the right to know that."

Although students assume the increase in food price has something to do with the operation loss, Robert Borngrebe, director of dining services, said each fiscal year has a different budget and the increase in prices was mainly

because of the surcharge on fuel, which raised transportation costs.

"Everyone is entitled their own opinion, but not their own facts," Borngrebe said. "If there is a big piece of the puzzle that's missing, we would like to know what it is."

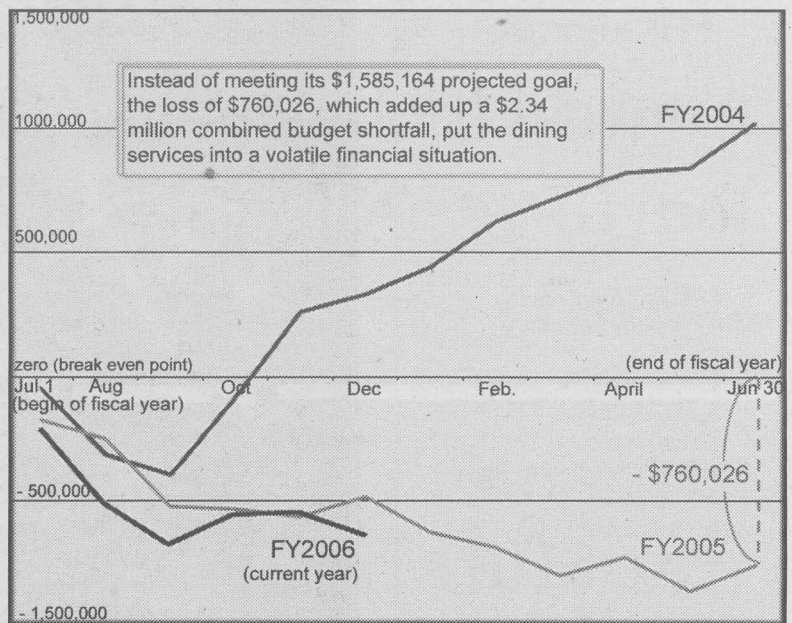
The fluctuation of prices may stir up students' wrath, however, what most students may not consider is that dining service had not raised prices on food for three years.

Kimball said one of the main reasons for not increasing the price in the past was that the demolition of Holmes Dining Hall had inconvenienced the students and therefore students should not be charged more for food when they had less service available. The reduction from nine food stations to four impacted the dining services in a great deal, according to Borngrebe.

Richard Corona, vice president for Business and Financial Affairs, said the declining balance meal plans didn't provide enough stability for dining services to avoid an operating loss.

"The increase of food prices has nothing to do with the operation loss. That was not an attempt to recoup the financial situation. That was an attempt to make sure we had adequate cash flow for the current year," Corona said. "The fluctuation of the price for commodities with all the prices increases we have been absorbing—we have got to the point where we can't hold the price anymore."

Stanton said comparing fall 2005 to the previous fall, the average on-campus food price has increased 13 percent and



Graphic illustrated by Tieh-Pai Chen, data courtesy of Edward Day

Housing, dining and conference services puts all profits into a reserve fund. The reserve was used last year to compensate for the lost revenue.

C-Store on its own has raised the price of food 17 percent. However, the consumer price index published by U.S Department of Labor, which has taken Hurricane Katrina's effect into account, showed in 2005 the average increase of food and beverage in the United States was 2.47 percent and for all items in the West region was 3.06 percent. Although dining services had not increased the price of food for almost three years, some students wonder why the raise in C-Store is not something less than 10 percent (average inflation rate times three years), but an ambitious 17 percent.

While dining services' press release stated the rise in food prices is a result of hurricanes, fuel surcharges, higher labor costs and commodity cost, students wonder why they were not told items were priced incorrectly.

"There are a lot of components for

the increasing price and the biggest one was due to the increase of commodity cost. We tried to reveal the most significant problem and we were not trying to hold any information back," Kimball said. "Do they [students] really need to know that much of the detail? Students are here for education. I'll hate to see dining become an issue that students have to worry about."

However, from ASCWU/BOD's perspective, as large an entity as dining services on campus, should publish their profit and loss and make the information easily accessible to the students.

"As a student and as a representative of the students, I and others had to draw our own conclusion to explain what these numbers mean because at no time

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Free healthcare clinic serves the community

by Elysha Urquhart
Guest reporter

According to recent statistics between 14-18 percent of Kittitas County residents are without health insurance, many of them without reasonable access to healthcare services. As many as 6,000 residents will go another year without any form of medical coverage.

Originally opened to serve a small number of the many uninsured residents, the Ellensburg Community Health Clinic has grown to serve more than 1,000 people in Kittitas County.

Since opening in 1999, over 25 doctors, nurses, interpreters and other volunteers have come together to serve the community.

The volunteer work is the backbone of the clinic helping the less-fortunate with the medical attention they require.

"We are here to provide medical

services for those who otherwise wouldn't be served," said Nurse Practitioner Mara Fusfield, a third year volunteer at the clinic.

As a medical professional and local resident Fusfield believes providing health care for the community is our responsibility.

The Ellensburg Community Health Clinic offers their services twice a month to a number of uninsured individuals who would have no other option than to visit the emergency room.

"We are trying to help reduce the burden felt by our hospital district," said Raleigh Hayter Executive Director of the Clinic.

Each unnecessary emergency room visit that is avoided through the care provided by the clinic potentially saves a substantial amount of funds.

In 2005 the clinic served over 430

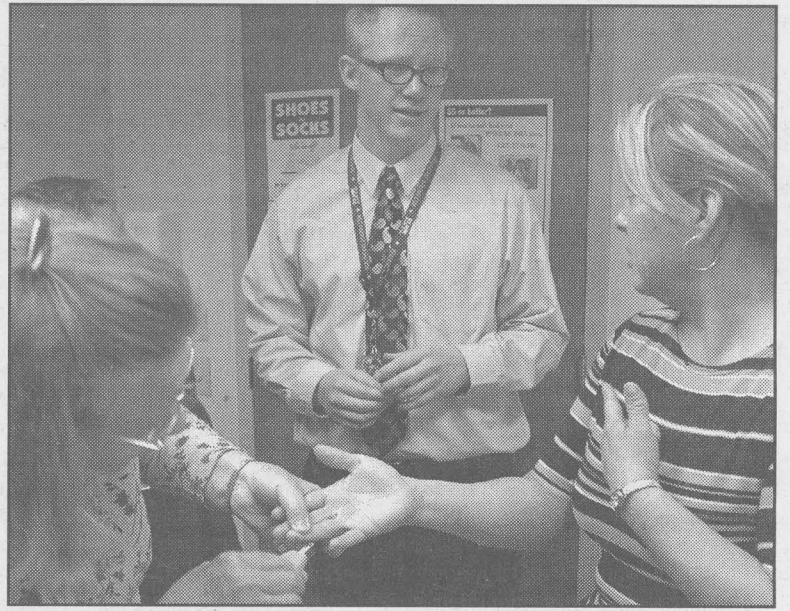
patients and continues to grow. As the costs increase and more patients funnel in, the need for greater funds and more volunteers is quickly increasing.

The long-term goal of the clinic is to become open more days per week and eventually own their own space. The clinic currently operates out of a shared space donated by the Kittitas Valley Hospital.

The average cost per patient at the Ellensburg Community Health Clinic is \$55. This provides for the clinic visit, medication, and lab costs.

While the price to help is small the need is still great. As the clinic continues to serve, they seek to receive increased funding and support through the community.

For more information on how to volunteer or become a supporter of the Ellensburg Community Health Clinic please contact their office at 929-7266.



Patrick Lewis/Observer

Health Clinic Executive Director Raleigh Hayter explains a medication plan to a spanish-speaking patient while nurses perform blood-sugar tests

Central lobbyists head into fourth year of waiver talks

by Patrick Lewis
Senior reporter

Tuition waiver equity is the number one priority of Central's lobbyists this year. On Monday, Jan 16, Steve Dupont, ASCWU/BOD vice president of political affairs met with legislators in Olympia to attempt to get Central Washington University to the level of other state universities.

"Usually students and legislators have different agendas, but on this issue we are in agreement," Dupont said.

Aaron VanWart, intern with Central's legislative liaison, said this is the fourth year Central lobbyists have worked on this issue.

Central legislators have met with more than 25 members of the house and senate in Olympia concerning equity. Nickalous Reykdal, Central's legislative liaison said this is a supplemental budget year, meaning everyone shouldn't be asking for money.

"The feeling is that everyone is asking for money," Reykdal said. "We're definitely on the radar, but we'll just have to wait and see."

In 1992 state legislators allowed universities to create a separate tuition account instead of putting that money into the state's general fund. Each university then had its enrollment numbers calculated to determine how much money it would generate based off tuition. That amount was then placed in the tuition fund. The universities' general fund was then reduced by the amount put into the tuition account.

Waivers were not subtracted from this amount. This means that the state reimbursed the university for the waivers it was giving out.

The percentage of money each university received was based on 1992 enrollment numbers. Enrollment number changes have not affected the

percentage since.

The percentage was locked in 1992, so the universities could not get a larger or smaller number based on actual tuition. Dupont said this created an unintentional disparity between the universities, lasting for 14 years.

Currently Central receives eight percent of their 1992 enrollment numbers in waiver money. This equaled just over \$3 million in 2005/2006, according to Central's office of enrollment management. The percentage varies among universities, with The Evergreen State College receiving only six percent, and the University of Washington receiving 21 percent. The schools closest to Central in size, Western and Eastern, are receiving 10 and 11 percent. Central is attempting to move towards the 11 percent held by Eastern.

Last year Washington state legislators approved a statute for Central to receive the 11 percent they were hoping for, but appropriated no funds for the school to offer the additional tuition waivers.

Central's current disbursement in tuition waivers heavily favors need. Almost 41 percent, or \$1.2 million, of the waivers go to students in need. Graduate students take the next highest percentage at 29, or \$915,556. International students and athletes both have 12 percent, or close to \$400,000. Miscellaneous waivers take up the rest.

A tuition waiver increase would decrease the state's general fund by 1.3 million, Dupont said.

"We're just one of many groups vying for this money," Dupont said.

This year's legislative focus is early learning, or K-12 education, with the WASL in particular.

"All the concentration on the WASL has shifted focus away from secondary education," VanWart said.

The budget request could be voted on at any time during the 60 day legislative session.

Moving process forces The Burg to go on hold

by Sean McPherson
Staff reporter

Live programs will be going off the air when 88.1 FM The Burg begins its move to the new Student Union Building and Recreation Center (SUB/REC).

Although the move will bring new opportunities for both employees at The Burg and its listeners, will still have its pains. Live programming will have to go off the air in the transitioning months that are to come.

"It's a little bit disappointing because that is just one thing that kept Central its own little thing," Jamie Magnuson, freshman music education major said.

Chris Hull, general manager at The Burg, estimates live programming will go off the air around the end of February. The major moving day for all current equipment to the new studio is set to be around April 23, which is also when the new SUB/REC is to have most of its structure completed.

"We don't want to be off the air with the live programming too much," said Randy Beckstead, chief operations director at The Burg.

This does not mean that The Burg will be going off the air completely. The station will run in an automated mode where programming is running off a computer.

"We're very much alive, we're just in a kind of slightly different mode in the time being," Hull said.

Beckstead points out that The Burg is different from other major radio stations because of the live programming.

While the programming may be automated, Beckstead said that the format will not change. DJ's will be on the air, just not live.

Christian Mecham, known as Horatio Valdez from the Weekly Geek, has said that there will be new music on the station through out the transition.

Beckstead said the current studio was not designed as a radio station, but rather a kitchen. The new studio is better designed for radio, and includes several recording rooms. One thing listeners may notice when the new studio is fully operational in the fall is live bands playing. Also, people can look at the DJs through windows as they pass by the studio.

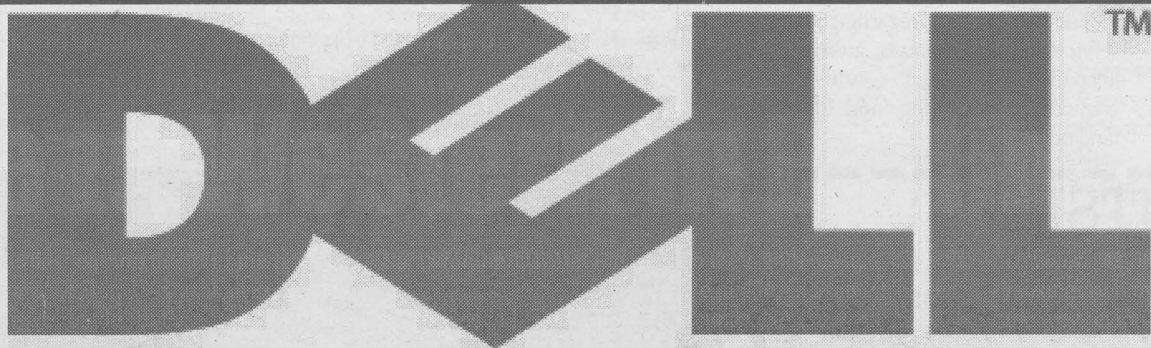
The new studio will include plenty of new equipment, in addition to the current equipment which will be moved to the new studio. Some of the new equipment will help to reduce some of the "traffic," the paperwork and other tasks that have to be done at the station.

"I'm going to miss it when we're going off air," Mecham said. "But going off live DJs for a while is a worthy price for this awesome new system and this awesome new studio."

Both Beckstead and Hull said some possible enhancements that may come in the future for The Burg include podcasting and even high definition, which would allow AM stations to have compact disc quality audio.

"We're not in this for the money, we are in here for the students," Beckstead said.

The Burg will try to keep live programming on as long as possible, and will keep listeners posted on any further developments regarding the move to the new studio.



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Your future is Central.

Different options available for old SUB

by Robbie Miller
Staff reporter

With the opening of the new Recreation Center the facilities at Nicholson Pavilion will forever be known as "the old gym," and it won't be long before what is now the Samuelson Union Building is nothing more than "the old SUB."

The SUB's future is unclear, but neither members of ASCWU/BOD and administrators want to see it wasted.

"What scares me is it sitting there empty for years," said Charlotte Tullos, vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. "I would hate to leave it vacant."

The students currently own the building, but it will revert to state ownership as of July 1, 2006.

ASCWU/BOD has made several suggestions to the university, which has a group of people performing what they call the South Neighborhood Study. The study is not only looking at the SUB, but also many of the surrounding buildings. They hope to combine services such as the registrar's office, the cashier's office and advising

into one centralized facility.

"It's not unlikely to have to go from Boullion, to Mitchell, to Barge to accomplish one task," ASCWU/BOD President Tony Aronica said.

Creating a one-stop student services building would solve this problem. Assistant Vice President for Facilities Bill Vertrees said, capital funding will not be available for such a project until at least December 2007.

The building could be kept open in the meantime and used by academic departments that are short on office space until student services move in.

Another option is to completely close the building and mothball it until funding for renovation is available. Vertrees said mothballing it for five years could cost half a million dollars.

With this in mind, the university already had contractors assess the cost of demolishing the SUB.

The cost of seriously renovating the building is about the same as demolishing the entire building and customizing a new one to fit needs.

Demolishing the building is the least costly option.

"South campus doesn't really have

green space for students to gather," Jeff Rosenberry, ASCWU/BOD vice president for Student Life and Facilities said. "It leaves an opportunity for the university to build there in the future."

The offices currently in the SUB will have a place in the SUB/REC, but certain portions of the building will still be used as needed at least until ownership is reverted to the state.

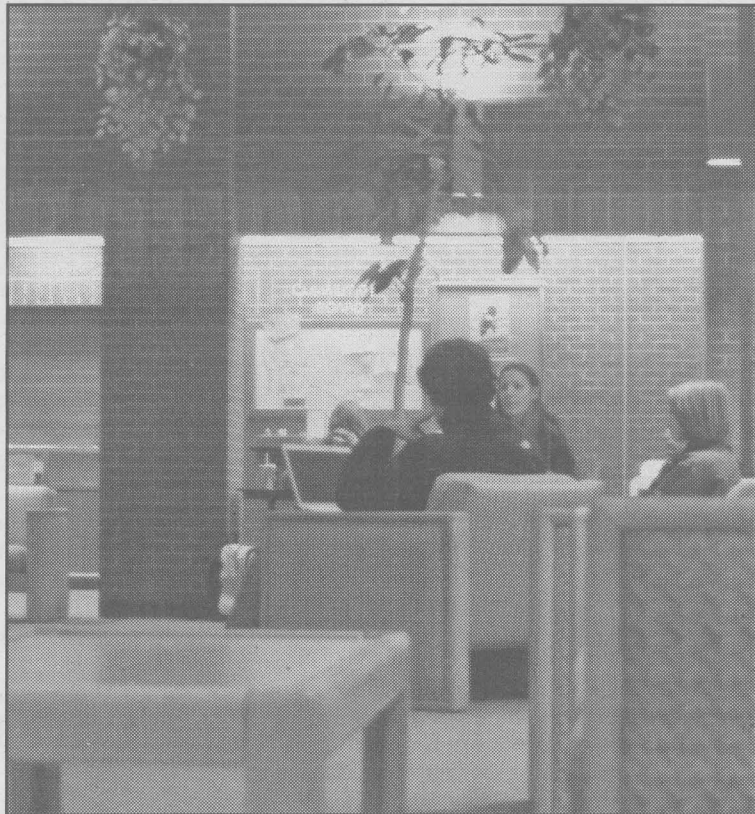
The ASCWU/BOD wants the pit area to remain open to students but it costs approximately \$500,000 to keep the building fully operational. Vertrees said it would cost about half of that to keep it partially open.

Students like the idea of a convenient one-stop student services facility

"It's kind of a hassle walking all the way to Barge for the registrar's office," said Jeremy Hildebrand, junior aviation management major. "It'd be nice to have everything centrally located."

Students won't make the final decision, but Tullos hopes they will be happy with whatever the administration chooses to do.

"One thing you do in my business is always listen to the students' voice," Tullos said. "That's important to me."



Maggie Schmidt/Observer

Building maintenance estimates vary from \$250,000 to \$500,000

Dining: New SUB hoped to increase profits for dining program by drawing students back on campus

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did the dining services come forward with the information publicly," Rosenberry said. "Students do make business decision at this school, and when they're left in the dark, it made it very difficult to form an opinion."

Edward Day, student funds financial manager, said the dining services had not been increasing the price of food according to the cost of merchandise, and therefore once they try to "correct the prices to where they should be," students interpreted it as the sudden raise of price.

"But they [dining] maybe went a little overboard on the C-store prices, that's my personal feeling," Day said.

According to both Day and the ASCWU/BOD office, currently dining services is expected to lose almost as much money this year as last fiscal year. However, Kimball said he is optimistic about the new SUB/REC and believes it will bring students back to dine on campus and create positive cash flow for the next fiscal year.

To ensure a positive cash flow and to accommodate students need, the dining services is proposing to increase hours of operation to give students more opportunity to use their meal plans. Central Café will open during the weekend starting next week.

"Now we're playing a very careful game of balancing more hours of operations with the least amount of expense to

bring us back to the black," Borngrebe said.

While some people interpret the \$2.34 million loss as a "debt," Kimball said the term "debt" is a misnomer. Housing, Dining, and Conference Services all share a reserve fund called 573. Any profit that's earned by any of these entities goes into the reserve fund, which is used for capital projects such as the renovation of Kamola hall and Sue Lombard. Since dining didn't make the profit they planned to make, the reserve fund was used to cover dining's expenses.

"I would say we were operating at loss last year, but in terms of the fund equity, they're still in the black," Kimball said. "It reduces our reserves."

Other programs shared the burden of the operating loss as well. Housing's ability to remodel and construct on-campus buildings has been affected due to the reduction of the reserved fund.

"Some maintenance and upgrades of the on-campus buildings we would like to do have been put on hold," said Charlotte Tullos, vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. "It's serious enough to concern, but I believe they will turn the corner on this."

Students and faculty have mixed emotions regarding the dining services financial loss. Unlike Tullos, Day is not as optimistic.

"I'm worried, and I would love them to tell me why they're not worried," Day said. "The trend till the end of fall quarter [2005] was the same trend as last year, so they have two more quarters to fix the problem."

For information regarding dining services financial reports, go to CWU accounting Web site at www.cwu.edu/~acctng, and look for fund number 573.

Wireless opportunities created by crowded campus computer labs

by Nathan Harlan
Staff reporter

The system has an overload. The Brooks Library's computer lab is the most highly used on campus. Opening the earliest and closing the latest at 11:45 p.m.

"The Library's lab seems to be always busy, it would be nice if the lab was larger and was more accommodating," Ricky Taff, junior, undeclared said. The wireless laptops in the Library and the Samuelson Union Building are hard to keep checked in with such a high demand. With low access and large projects many students are faced with hardships.

Student tech fees help pay for new computer equipment as well as pay lab techs and assistants.

"Starting last year a program was initiated to replace 25 percent of all computers across campus," said Carmen Rahm, senior director of Information Technology Services.

It is estimated that each desktop computer will cost \$800. Shaw-Smyser has two computer labs both hosting a number of new Dells.

These are up-to-date computers. Their software is current. Another portion of students money is also going towards the continued development of

hotspots on campus.

The road to wireless is a fast one. Central is currently in the process of implementing hotspots all over campus. Nearly half of the campus contains hotspots with the remainder to be finished by 2007.

A current map of wireless coverage can be seen at www.cwu.edu/~wireless/campusmap2.html. The new Student Union Building and Recreation Center will be wireless capable and accessible to all students. The Science Building, Bouillon Hall, Black Hall, the Japanese Garden as well as many other buildings are currently wireless capable.

If students have their own laptop with wireless configuration they can connect to Central's wireless network. In order to do this, a student must first register their laptop with Computing and Telecommunication Services so that the computer will be recognized on the campus network. Students can get help through the ITS: Help Desk located in Bouillon 112 or visit www.cwu.edu/~wireless/getconnected.html.

"I've been using wireless access all year," Michael Steele senior education major said. "It's very convenient, I can log on the internet and complete homework assignments or just surf the web."

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Allison White

• *Editor-in-Chief*

I'm sure most of us have seen the bright flyers, or maybe we've been handed one. And we've probably seen someone wearing the flashy shirt. And really, don't get me started on the

huge banner strung across University Way. I'm suddenly having flashbacks to five years ago, my freshman year. The neon orange leaflets and t-shirts all over campus asking the, rather infamous, question: "Do you agree with Tyler and Pete?"

No. No I don't. I don't agree with

"Jason" this time around, either. There is no way I would agree with someone pushing religion on me in the most underhanded of ways, sorry. The funny thing is I am actually a Christian and I actually believe in God. I am a baptized Lutheran and my mother is the secretary of the small church my family belongs to. I might not be 'saved' in the eyes of SALSA, but I don't need to be. I don't need someone else's version of Christianity shoved under my nose because my own faith is strong enough. Some students on this campus aren't so lucky.

Some students will attend the event tonight, out of curiosity, and truthfully I don't know what the reactions will be. I can only speak from what happened five years ago, when there was a backlash on campus. Students were irate at the posters on the walls, making their own that stated "F___ Tyler and Pete"

or worse.

What I noticed this time around is there is a much quicker time between the start of the campaign and the event. There have not been anti-Jason flyers this time, and I'm not sure what that

To satisfy my own curiosity of why this campaign suddenly came about again, I did what most students would do. I hit up Google. I found that University of California Fresno's Campus Crusade for Christ ran the exact same

campaign — in 2000. A little more searching found some Christian message boards, explaining what other groups were going to do with the campaign. So this is definitely not a local thing cooked up by one of the

Christian groups on campus. It's a national thing, and they are merely borrowing someone else's grand idea to lure students into hearing the Word of God.

Now, I'm not against someone being introduced to the Christian faith,

but to me campaigns such as "Tyler and Pete" and "Jason" are going too far. When a forum that is designed to make students embrace a religion becomes secretive (to the point where flyers advertise more information and then give none) it isn't worth all the trouble. Potential members become alienated, and those students who are just curious and want answers are dissatisfied with the results, maybe even angry.

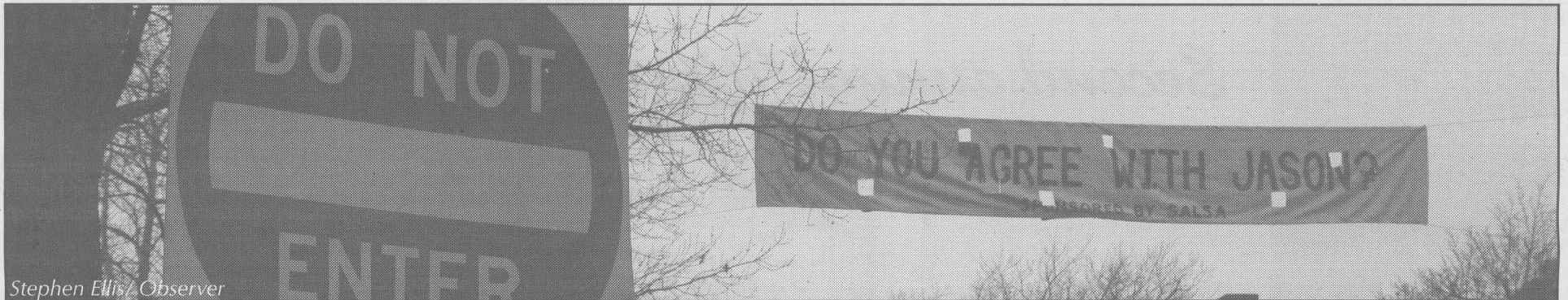
If people are seeking religion, they do not need to be coerced by an undercover campaign. They just need to buy a Bible or find a church. As for the rest of us who either have faith or don't want it, don't preach at us. Preaching is for the pulpit, saving is for Coast Guards and Jesus loves everybody — that crazy hippie.

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Preaching is fine, but save it for the pulpit

means. Perhaps students on our campus are simply apathetic to such a campaign, but I doubt it. I have heard people wondering what the "Jason" campaign is, and to my friends who have wondered I impart the knowledge of the "Tyler and Pete" campaign.



Stephen Ellis/Observer

Jason is more than a message

Four words have been popping up on bright green posters all over campus lately: "I Agree With Jason." They are on flyers and shirts that a handful of people, myself included, have committed themselves to wear all week long. While I've been sworn to secrecy about exactly who Jason is and what he'll be talking about tonight at 7 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom, I can shed some light on why we, the ones dedicated to promoting this event, think this is so

important.

My involvement in this campaign is just wearing the shirt, but others have really put a lot of effort into this, like putting up the flyers and designing the shirts. No one has done more for it than Jason. His message is one that will, hopefully, be heart-felt and life-changing to everyone who listens, regardless of age, gender or religion. What everybody involved hopes to accomplish is unifying the diverse community of Cen-

tral Washington University and creating a huge fellowship of people, whom any member can feel comfortable turning to for love, help and support. This may sound a bit corny and hippie-like, but it works. I should know.

Over a year ago, I was going through some tough times, and was emotionally as low as I think any human



Charlene Krentz
Staff reporter

being can get. I would have ended my life if it weren't for my family, made up by blood relatives and the friends I had rooting for me (and at that time, I had tons more than I realized). Even though most couldn't solve my problems, it still helped to know that so many people cared about me. I know other people among my family have experienced similar miracles, whether it's been hope in a hopeless situation or guidance through one of

life's many trials (like passing that ultra hard mid-term or finding the money to pay for school).

I guess you could argue that such results can be found in any satisfying relationship, but I've found that no relationship is as satisfying as the kind of relationship Jason will be promoting tonight.

Thanks to that, I have a support system that never fails, and at least one person I can always count on for hope, unconditional love, wisdom, protection and inspiration no matter what hurtful things I've done or will do. That's why I agree with Jason.

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Stephen Ellis/Observer

Students and community members — over age 21 of course — took part in the 2nd annual WinterHop BrewFest on Saturday Jan. 21. The Dakota Cafe (shown above) was one of several venues downtown that took part in the event.

Second annual WinterHop BrewFest draws a big crowd to downtown Ellensburg

by Lacey Stanton
Asst. Scene editor

Six friends gathered in a living room, drank some beer and did the wave. This wasn't just any living room -- this was the window showcase in Fitterer's Furniture last Saturday, during Ellensburg's 2nd annual WinterHop BrewFest.

The venue hosted three different brewing companies including Iron Horse, Snoqualmie Falls and Rattlesnake Mountain. Along with providing a great selection of brews, Fitterer's also had enough living and dining rooms to go around. Visitors were allowed to lounge on sofas, recliners and love seats while sipping on pale or dark ale.

"Brewfest brings close to 1500 people into the showroom for free that might not normally come into the store," Paul Jewell of Fitterer's Furniture said. "It is a well-publicized event and so we stay open for business during it."

The kegs were tapped and the event started promptly at noon on Saturday. Event vouchers were traded in for neon pink wrist bracelets, five ounce souvenir glasses and five scrips. Volunteer workers for the event, easily noticeable in their bright blue shirts, stood around the Rotary Pavilion checking I.D.'s and informing procrastinators that the event was sold out and better luck next year.

Irritated customers didn't quite understand the concept of BrewFest and became even more furious to hear volunteers say "no you can't just walk in, have a beer and listen to the music. Tickets for the event were sold out yesterday, and you must have a ticket to enter."

For visitors wanting a different

venue Those Callahan Girls provided one; beer and antiques. Visitors to this venue had the opportunity to try beer from the Redhook and Widmer Brewing Company. The store was made visitor friendly by putting white construction paper on table tops. People were encouraged to sign their names as they stood around enjoying their beer and the sound of Ravin Wolf, a local band that played in the venue.

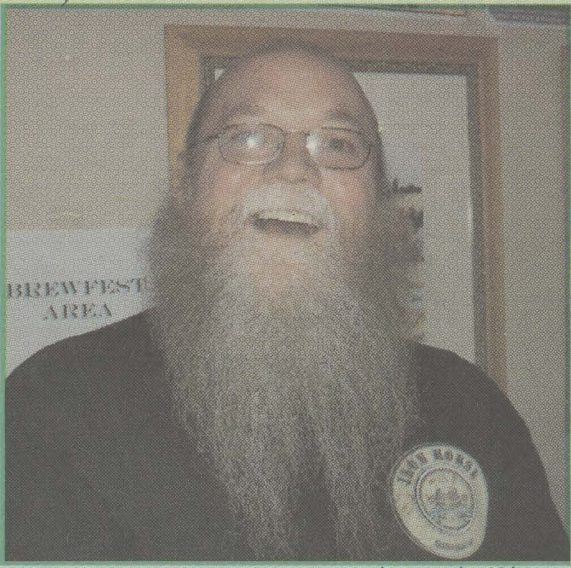
Volunteers from Redhook and Widmer described the difference between last year's BrewFest and this year's noting that last year they were not prepared for such a huge showing of people and ended up running out of beer. This year they were prepared and it was much more enjoyable.

Down the street at the Recycle Bicycle Shop a one-man-band filled the air with music. Mike Reilly, musician and Central associate vice president of enrollment management, played the guitar and harmonica and sang during BrewFest.

"Mike Reilly is my favorite, has always been my favorite," said Susan Howard, a long-time resident of Ellensburg. "We put a tip hat down in front of him and put a few dollar bills in it. Everyone applauded us."

Most patrons appeared to enjoy the event whether it was their first or second time participating in BrewFest, according to workers from the breweries and the venues. So if you are looking for a good time or the chance to try a few new beers this might be the annual event for you.

Keep your calendars free and your eyes open for information about Ellensburg WinterHop BrewFest 2007.



Meghan Hanley/Observer

by Meghan Hanley
Staff reporter

This year many different breweries were represented at Ellensburg's 2nd Annual Winterhop Brewfest. Among them was the local Iron Horse Brewery, located at 1000 Prospect St. number 4. As a family run business, Iron Horse is owned by Jim Quilter and operated with the help of his wife, daughter and son-in-law. The Iron Horse

tasting area was located within Fitterer's Furniture store where I met with Quilter and was able to ask him some questions.

Q: What is special or unique about your brewery?

A: I make good, clean beer, that's what I focus on. I make five different styles, they're all very different. I'm using very good equipment. People like what I make, that's what they tell me!

Q: What is your favorite of all the beers you make at your brewery?

A: It depends on my mood. During the winter I go for the heavier beers. In the summer I go for my lighter beers.

Q: Which of your beers is the most popular?

A: They're all really pretty close. I bottle it up and they're all within five or 10 cases of each other in the end. The people who love IPA's [India Pale Ale] love my IPA.

Q: What's the craziest thing you've ever seen at a beer tasting event?

A: I've had women do things to get a free beer! I've had gals braid my beard at these things. Quite a few funny things!

Q: What's the best part of your job?

A: Seeing people taste the beer and smile and say how they enjoy it.

Q: What's the worst part about your job?

A: Dealing with distributors and trying to get your beer out there. When you come to find out that some bar that you really thought was going to be a good friend of yours, took your beer off the menu and put something else on instead.

Q: Where in Ellensburg can people buy this beer?

A: Happy's Market, they've got a nice selection in bottles. It's also at Fred Meyer.

Q: How about at any of the bars in town? Can you get it on draft?

A: Pearl's on Pearl has it, and The Palace.

Q: Are there any other cool things about the beer that I didn't know to ask about?

A: People say I have a nice, clean, crisp beer. Those are the words that mostly describe it. Some people say it's got a little hops in there, but we are the third largest area in the world for growing hops, so hops are part of it and I like that.

Q: So you love what you do?

A: Absolutely, it's a hobby.

Q: A hobby you also get to have as your job!

A: Well I'd better enjoy it because I spend a lot of time doing it!



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'Mankind' visits Central campus

by Ryan Fudacz
Staff reporter

Professional wrestling fans at Central Washington University experienced Wrestlemania early this year as Mick Foley, former pro wrestler and best selling author, spoke to a packed audience of more than two hundred about his experiences as a wrestler and writer Wednesday night in the Samuelson Union Building's ballroom.

Wearing his familiar sweat pants and sneakers, Foley, cued by his theme song, made his way through the curtains toward the stage to a standing crowd erupting in "Foley" chants. Foley, disappointed in the volume of his theme music, made a second entrance, this time with a blaring signature tune.

"This was like a rock show, people just jumped to their feet and started cheering and chanting his name," said Scott Drummond, director of campus activities. "We've done other lectures that have been great but they don't get that kind of response."

After a microphone problem, Foley got the crowd rolling with his signature catch phrase, "It's good to be right here in..." and of course, Foley finished it

with Ellensburg.

The hardcore legend began by saying he hadn't prepared a speech for the night's talk and was going to "wing it."

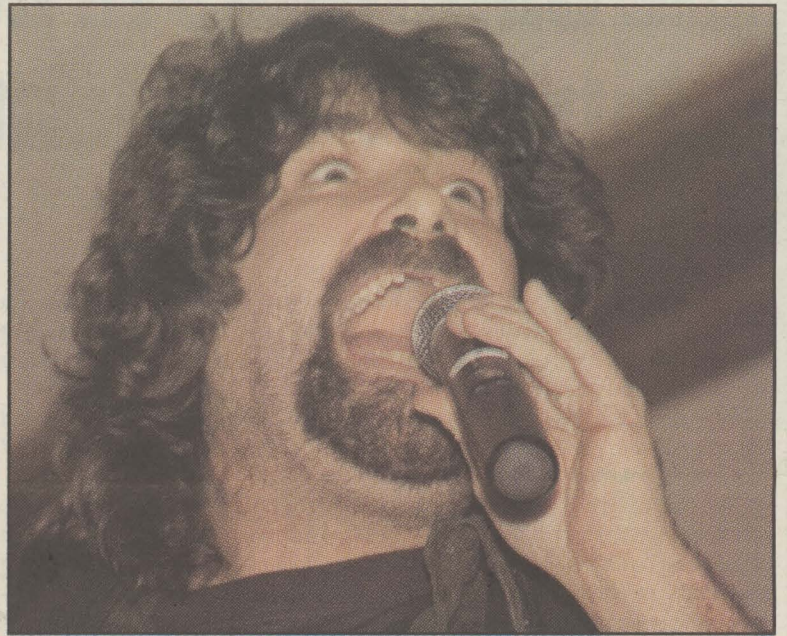
The World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) star entertained the audience with personal stories of his favorite WWE women's wrestler, Stacy Keibler, before running out of topics.

"Remember that part I told you about winging it out here, unfortunately if you can't figure out anything to say it tends to suck. I'm going to take questions to see if it will lead to a good story," Foley said.

The audience's questions sparked stories ranging from Foley's infamous "Hell in the Cell" match, which involved the Undertaker, another WWE wrestler, throwing Foley off a 16-foot steel cage, to his charity work in the Philippines. Foley also touched on his experiences as a writer and best selling author.

Foley said in a lot of ways writing is like wrestling because in both wrestling and writing he performs for reaction without getting hurt.

On the topic of his writing achievements, Foley said he had written a novel that didn't sell as well as his first two



Justin Mumm/Observer

Mick Foley spoke to over 200 students on Wednesday Jan. 18 about his wrestling career and being an author. Foley said writing is like wrestling because in both he performs for reaction without getting hurt.

autobiographies, but to Foley the novel had been a success.

"In life we get to determine for ourselves what the success is," said Foley. "Some people consider it [success] a beautiful house, great cars, cool things and I drive a 2002 minivan and I like it that way."

The event lasted an hour and half and concluded with Foley shaking hands, signing autographs and taking pictures with fans.

"I have been a fan since I was 13 and it was my life goal to see him

[Foley]," Kristan Frost, senior English major said.

Foley has two years remaining on his contract with the WWE, including five more matches.

The former pro wrestler doesn't expect to participate in the ring at this year's Wrestlemania.

"There were only a couple of important points that I try to make," Foley said. "I think they [students] should consider the idea that they get to create their own definition of what constitutes being a success."

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Regional art comes to Spurgeon Gallery

by Clare Jensen
Staff reporter

Students and teachers always have had one way relationships with instructors examining and critiquing students work.

For the next couple weeks the role will be reversed with the Sarah Spurgeon Gallery on Central Washington University's campus.

Faculty artwork from three central Washington community college campuses will be on display. This is an opportunity for students and faculty to observe an eclectic mix of art.

"The most interesting thing about this exhibit is the diversity of work. There is a little bit of everything," said Shelby Lloyd, junior art education major.

This exhibition features a variety of media including oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings, charcoal and ink drawings, photography, ceramic, rock fusion and wood sculptures, classic porcelain pots, silver and beaded jewelry and

earplug sculptures.

"My favorite piece is [Howard Barlow's "Within Earshot"]. I saw it at Bumbershoot and was surprised to see it here. It's very creative," Lloyd said.

"Within Earshot" is one of Barlow's two sculptures of anatomically correct babies covered in roughly 3,000 earplugs.

"The earplug sculptures were definitely unusual," said Courtney Cavanagh, junior pre-med, "but I really thought that [Tracy Petre of Columbia Basin College's] displays of current American culture were the most interesting pieces."

The exhibit displays work from different community colleges including Columbia Basin College, Wenatchee Valley College and Yakima Valley Community College.

The Regional Community College Invitational Exhibition artwork will be on display through Feb. 12.

The gallery is open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturdays and Sundays from 12 p.m.



Chris Sheats/Observer

Students, faculty and community members got a chance to view the art at the opening reception Saturday Jan. 21. The exhibition will continue through Feb. 12.

The Chieftains to perform as part of Central's Presidential Speaker Series

by Bryant Phillips
Staff reporter

Only a week into the new quarter, tickets were completely sold out. The ticket office has been swamped with calls from people asking if any seats were left. Even those reserved have all been taken. One would assume a major pop star is coming to town with all the hype.

Well they'd be wrong. The Chieftains are responsible for such popularity, and are scheduled to perform at Central Washington University's music building at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 30.

The Chieftains are one of the most popular bands in the world, having won no less than six Grammy awards during their 43 years as a band. The Chieftains are synonymous with Ireland, known for bringing traditional Irish music to the rest of the world's attention. Even their name is derived from a poem, "Death of a Chieftain," written by Irish poet John Montague.

The Chieftains have received more honors than most pop stars of today could ever dream. They were the first Western group to perform on the Great Wall of China, the first group to perform in the U.S. Capital Building in Washington D.C., and were named Ireland's Musical Ambassadors.

And now they're coming to Ellensburg.

Just how have Ellensburg and Central been so fortunate to receive such big names?

"That's a legitimate question, because our locale is sometimes a deterrent for guest speakers who come on campus," said Marian Lien, Event Planner for Central. "It started with Mary Robinson [the former president of Ireland] who came two years ago and really put Central on the map. It made Central understand what we're capable of and that we should aim higher, so that's what we did."

For those unfortunate enough not to have tickets for the 7 p.m. Chieftains concert, the founder of the band, Paddy Moloney, will be hosting a free lecture and demonstration in the concert hall at 1 p.m. Moloney will be talking about the instruments used in the band, including many traditional Irish instruments, and answering any questions the audience might have.

To avoid disappointment, Lien suggests that anyone interested in the upcoming lecture with Garrison Keillor should get their tickets soon, as they're nearly all gone.

"[The Chieftains] and Garrison Keillor are some of the ones who stand out when people say to me, 'I can't believe you brought them to Ellensburg,'" Lien said. "I'm now at the point where I can say why wouldn't you bring them to Ellensburg?"

For information about The Chieftains concert and upcoming events, contact the Performing Arts and Presidential Speakers Series at 509-963-2111.

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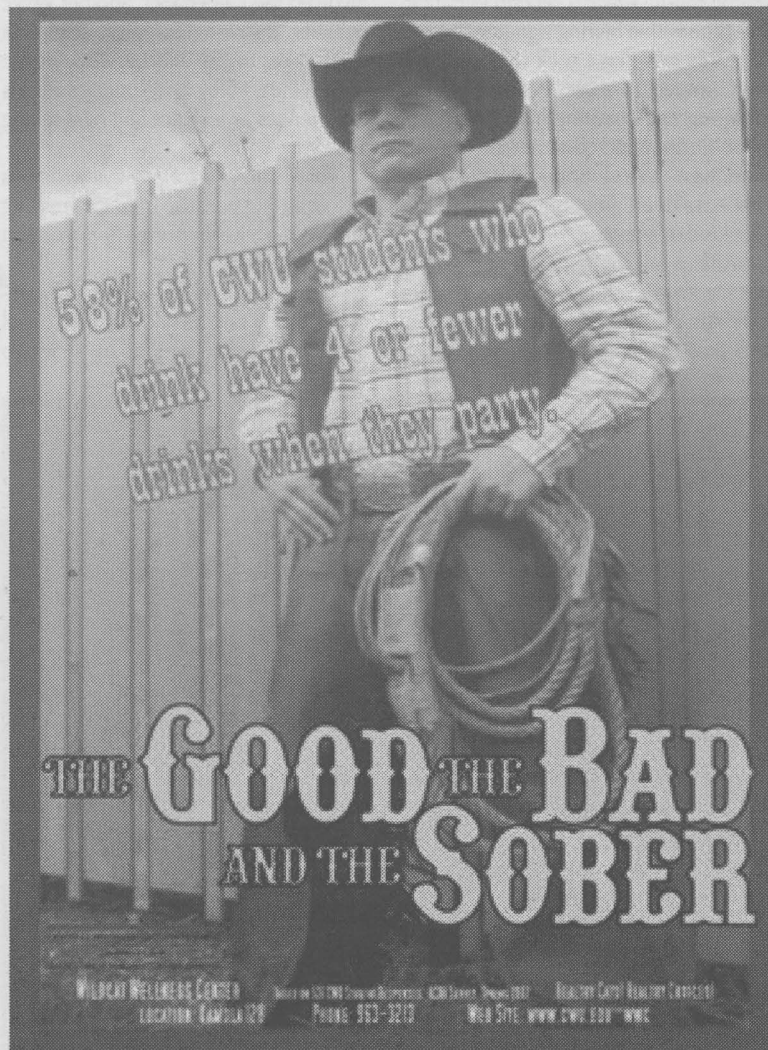
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SPORTS

Wildcats trounced

Men fall to number three Seattle Pacific and lose buzzer beater to Northwest Nazarene

by Jake Paquette
Staff reporter

Going into last Thursday's game against number three nationally ranked Seattle Pacific University, coach Greg Sparling knew his team had to be hot and shoot the lights out of the ball. The Central Washington University men's basketball team is no stranger to producing points this year. The Wildcats are averaging the second best offensive attack in school history at 88.8 points and Seattle Pacific is second in the division in field goal percentage.

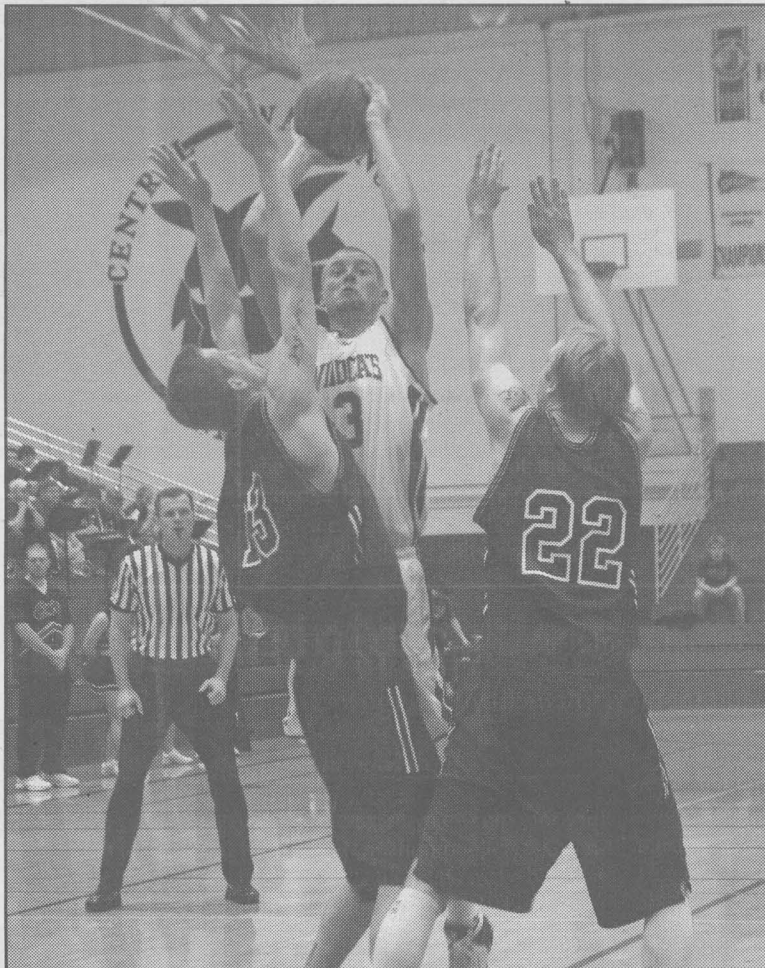
The Wildcats were kept on their toes but after a freshman Colton Monti layup with seven minutes left, the game was tied at 82 a piece. It was the first time since early in the first half that Central tied the game. The crowd had just blown up in a frenzy for no more than thirty seconds when Seattle Pacific hit two quick three pointers to silence the entire gym.

Although Central was able to score 91 points and keep their offensive stats impressive for the history books, they gave up 99 to an offense that was clicking all night long.

"They run their offense the best in the league," junior Lance Den Boer said. Despite a season high of 31 points for Den Boer, he seemed very unsatisfied.

"Whenever we don't win, I feel like I could have done more," Den Boer said. "We had a couple of defensive breakdowns. They had too many easy layups. We weren't used to their quickness."

Two of the league's top 10 scorers for Seattle Pacific, Dustin Bremerman and Tony Benetti combined for 58 of the 99 points. Seattle Pacific's strategy



Michael Bennett/Observer

Above: Junior forward Lance Den Boer shoots over Seattle Pacific defenders Mike Bushmaker and Chad Williams.

Right: Junior center Julius McMillion puts up a reverse layup against the Northwest Nazarene Crusaders.

on stopping Den Boer from his 23 point first half explosion worked holding him to just eight second half points.

The loss might have carried over to Saturday's game against Northwest Nazarene in a 103-100 overtime loss that dropped the Wildcats to a 4-3 division record, 9-7 overall. Despite Den Boer's three pointer to tie the game at 100 with five seconds remaining, it was Northwest Nazarene's Marcus Clift who hit the game winner from way beyond the three point line.

"We had them dead in the corner with seconds remaining, they passed it out and hit a huge shot. Don't take anything away from this team, they executed," Sparling said.

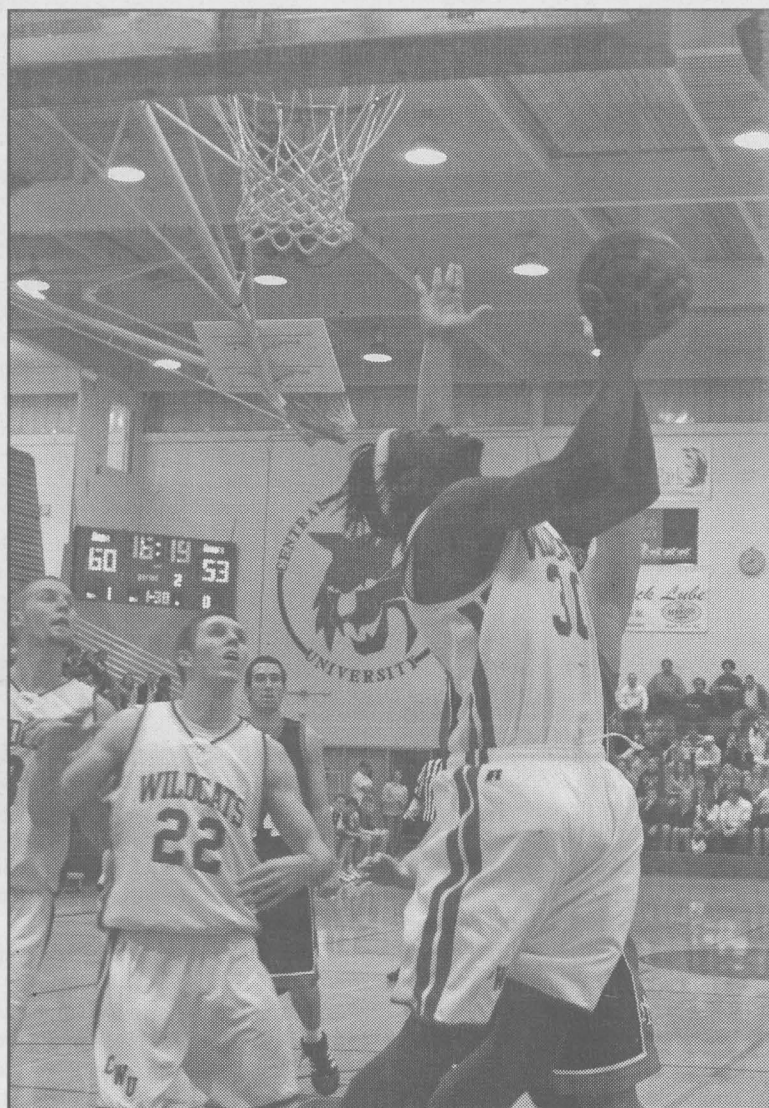
The game winning shot was Clift's fifth three-pointer made in 12 attempts. As a team, Northwest Nazarene shot 14-38 from three point land and aver-

age 12 threes a game, which is first in conference.

"Northwest Nazarene was picked to be number two in the GNAC Coaches poll at the beginning of the year. They're one of the nations best three point shooting teams," Sparling said.

A big difference in the game was free throws. Northwest Nazarene made 25 of 28 free throws while the wildcats only made 10 of 18 free throw attempts. The 15 point difference from the line put extra pressure on Central the entire game.

Despite shooting just over 61 from the field, Central's defense gave up way too many points. Central gives up the second most points per game the in the GNAC at 83.5 per game. Northwest Nazarene also dominated in steals with 10 while Centrals could only muster up one.



Defenses will battle in Arcata

by Marqise Allen
Staff reporter

After two close home losses, to Seattle Pacific and Northwest Nazarene, the Central Washington University men's basketball team is going back on the road again. The Wildcats are on their way to Arcata Calif. to play conference opponent Humboldt State. The Humboldt State Lumberjacks are also coming off of two losses of their own, to Alaska Anchorage and Alaska Fairbanks.

The game should be an even match up between the two teams. Humboldt State is in a three way tie for fifth in the Great Northwest Athlet-

ic Conference having a 9-6 record, 3-4 in conference. Central is in fourth place in the GNAC, with a 9-7 record, 4-3 in conference.

Although both teams have similar records, each team focuses on different aspects of the game. The Lumberjacks have one of the better defenses in the conference, limiting their opponents to 74.5 points a game. Their offense is averaging 82.7 points per game.

"We're shooting high percentages, so I don't think we should have too

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Big-time meet has track ready for spring

by Korben Cook
Staff reporter

In the far east of Washington State, competition rattles the ground of Pullman. The Central Washington University Wildcats indoor track and field team set big scores at the Washington State University Open last weekend.

"It's more competitive and there are more states [involved]," All-American Terran Legard, senior sprinter said.

In the past, the WSU Open has hosted some big name schools such as the University of Idaho and Stanford University. Competing against Division I schools allows the Wildcats to test their skills and help set momentum to be carried to the outdoor season, head coach

Kevin Adkisson said.

"Mentally [our athletes are] ready and now they can build on it," Adkisson said.

One such athlete this season is sophomore thrower, Krissy Tandle. Tandle placed fourth in the women's shotput and third in the weight throws at the 2006 Jerry Martin Invitational in Cheney last week. Tandle, once again, placed third in the weight throw, throwing 46-11.5 and took fifth in the women's shotput, 40-05.00 feet. Another thrower who made good headway this season is junior Rebecca Lindquist, placing sixth in the women's shotput, 38-05.00 feet. The men had similar results.

After six tosses and three fouls, jun-

ior Cameron Neel placed third in the men's shotput with a throw of 53-10.25 feet.

Running 8.66 seconds in preliminaries last weekend at the WSU Open, Legard did not place due to a head-cold.

"There are quite a few good girls there," Legard said.

The unfortunate drawback of Legard did not stop the momentum for the sprinters. The Wildcats had a strong trinity in the 200-meters, with sophomore Kara Nygard third, freshman Amanda Gius fourth, and senior Teresa Schlafer fifth with times of 27.28 seconds, 27.38 seconds and 27.68 seconds.

Junior Katie Hummel set a new

meet record in the 3,000-meter run setting a time of 10:16.86 minutes taking first place. In the past, the record was set by University of Montana runner Kerry Bogner at 10:23.13 minutes.

Senior Cresap Watson running 23.53 seconds and freshman Matthew Rogstad running 23.80 seconds placed fifth and sixth place in the 200-meter dash. Junior rookie Charles Velasquez, secured a third place finish in the 400-meter dash, having a time of 51.72 seconds.

Central's sophomore Robert Edwards took a slight lead ahead of University of Idaho's Jeff Luckstead to secure a second place victory in the 60-meter hurdles with 8.46 seconds. Watson finished second place, with a leap

of 6-04.75 feet in the men's high jump. The women's triple jump finished with Anjuli Spear taking fifth place, with a jump of 32-07.75 feet.

Next for the Wildcats is the University of Washington Open on Jan. 27 and 28 and Invitational on Jan. 29 in Seattle.

"These meets will allow us to measure [the rest of] our conference since the majority will be there," Adkisson said.

The Wildcats intend to start showing their strong performers such as throwers Cameron Neel and Krissy Tandle and sprinters Charles Velasquez and Terran Legard.

"It was exciting to see people come out and compete strong," Adkisson said.

Nicholson made design headlines when it was built

by Courtney Naccarato
Staff reporter

The campus of Central Washington University holds a unique structure that many do not even think about when they go to class each day. Nicholson Pavilion is home to Central athletics and Health Human Performance and Recreation program, but few know all the history of this odd structure.

At first, Barge Hall was used for athletics. The Student Association building, renamed in 1964 the Samuelson Union Building, was known as the “New Gym” and housed athletics starting in 1928. When it was evident that a new gym was needed in 1957, the Student Association building planning committee decided to add to the Union building. During the changes the locker rooms and showers were converted into the social lounge downstairs and offices on the second floor. The basketball court was transformed into the ball room. In the fall of 1961the building was in use.

In 1957, Washington State Legislature approved a \$1,425,000 budget for a health and physical education building. It was required that the building be a functional design with the objectives held by the Health and Physical Education staff.

Architect Ralph Burkhard from Seattle was chosen to do the job. He worked with fellow staff members, including Leo Nicholson, to come up with the best design to fit the needs of the physical education program.

Built in 1959, Nicholson is the last of its kind remaining. Six suspension roof buildings were constructed in the United States and Nicholson represents the end of that era. For that time in history it was state of the art. The reason being, if you tear down the walls, the roof will still be in its place held up by the cables.

The massive structure is 150 by 390 feet. What makes this building unique is the suspension roof. Cables pass over pylons to hold up the roof, reducing the need for weight bearing walls. Four classrooms were fitted with acoustic equipment so classes are not disturbed

by gymnasium noise. A swimming pool was located where the dance studio is at present day. It was the first swimming pool at Central. The field-house was part of the original design. It had oil-treated earthen floors for athletes to practice outdoor activities in inclement weather.

In 1960, it was dedicated to Leo Nicholson, who at that time was the Director of Athletics. Leo Nicholson started working at Central in 1929. He was the head basketball coach and at his retirement in 1964 had 505 wins under his belt. Central’s Board of Trustees approved of the name and he was the first person on active staff to have a building named after him. It was officially named the Leo Nicholson Athletic Pavilion.

Nicholson has gone through various renovations. In 1967, movable bleachers were added to the upper gym. The grounds storage facility was added in 1979. The swimming pool was filled in and became the dance studio in 1985. A major remodel was done in 1992; the training room was remodeled, dressing rooms were added to the dance studio, the men’s team room was modified and the gym floors became up to date.

Recently there was a start of another major remodel. In the summer of 2004 the women’s locker room was remodeled. The next phase of the project, know as Nicholson Pavilion IAQ/Asbestos Renovation, is planned to start spring quarter, and be completed in fall of 2006.

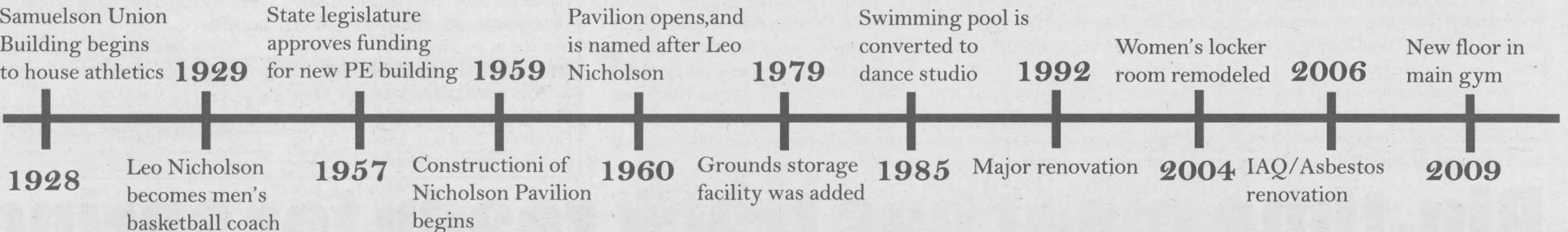
In this renovation, asbestos will be abated in the entire lobby and existing men’s locker room. An improved ventilation system will also be installed for renovated areas. The men’s locker room, the men’s and women’s laundry facility and the training room are all being updated. Along with this the weight room is going to be enlarged.

The hope for Nicholson by 2009 is to have a new floor and bleachers for the main gym. The upstairs will be added to and offices will go above the existing weight room and a hall of fame room and concession stands will be added, contingent upon funding approval.



Courtesy of Central Washington archives

Top: A birds eye view of Nicholson Pavilion after it was constructed in 1960. Bottom: Students come and go from the then new Nicholson Pavilion.



Women lose to Western in Bellingham

by Pat Brown
Sports editor

When a team averages close to 80 points a game, and outscores their opponents by more than 20 points, game planning can be tough. Such was the case for Central Washington University women’s basketball coach Jeff Whitney last Saturday in Bellingham as the Wildcats took on the Great Northwest Athletic Conference leading Western Washington University Vikings.

“Our goal was to hold them in the sixties,” Whitney said.

Hold them in the sixties they did. Unfortunately for the Wildcats they

only scored in the forties, ending the game 45-65 in favor of Western.

“It was a defensive battle both ways,” Whitney said.

The Wildcats had 23 turnovers and shot only 32.2 percent from the field, while the Vikings had 20 turnovers and shot 38.6 percent. Whitney said, another deciding factor was that the Vikings attempted 23 free throws, while the Wildcats only attempted three.

Game experience may have been a determining factor. The Vikings start five seniors while the Wildcats only starting senior is Jamie Corwin. This added experience, has helped the Vikings gain the number eight ranking

in the National Association of Basketball Coaches poll.

“They’re very experienced they don’t make a lot of errors,” Whitney said.

Senior wing/forward Jamie Corwin was impressive in the loss going seven for 11 from the field.

This weekend will be very important for the Wildcats as they go on the road to face Saint Martin’s University and Seattle University. Saint Martin’s is currently sixth in the GNAC with Central right behind them.

Whitney said, that the next few games will prove critical since there is only one win separating the third place

team from the eighth place team in the conference rankings. Seattle University is fourth in the GNAC.

Saturday’s game against Seattle University will mark the midpoint of the season. Whitney said his team’s goal was to be in the top three at that point. A spot in the top three is unlikely, but a winning road trip will give the Wildcats momentum coming into a two game home stand against Western Oregon and Humboldt State.

“We can go set the tone by getting into the top four,” Whitney said.

With nearly half the season under their belt, the time has come to start thinking about the Wildcats postseason

chances. As of the last NCAA regional rankings poll the team was not listed in the west region’s top ten.

The top eight seeds in the region go to the playoffs and Whitney said there are usually three GNAC teams that go to the postseason. Competition in the GNAC is up this year though.

“It’s the toughest [conference competition] I’ve seen since I’ve been here,” Whitney said.

Whitney is just trying to keep his team focused and take it one game at a time.

“We’re playing better defense now, better team basketball and we’ll see where it gets us.”

Central athletes moving on

by Seth Williams
Staff reporter

Succeeding in sports as a career is difficult. Playing at the Division II level and succeeding in sports is even harder. But for Central Washington University senior Brian Potucek and recently graduated Troy Martin, that is exactly what they are trying to do. Both are standout athletes in their respective sports and both are looking to continue their careers after they leave Ellensburg.

If you have seen a Central football game in the past couple years or if you are involved in Wildcat sports at all, you know who Potucek is. As a wide receiver for the Wildcats, Potucek has held his own. Not only did he earn honors as Offensive Player of the Year twice for the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, but he also led the league in pass receptions in 2005 with 73. He is now attempting to translate those numbers into a career.

"If I can get paid to play football it would be great," Potucek said. "You know, getting to do something you love for the rest of your life."

Potucek, who is now the all-time leader in career receptions and receiving yards for Central, ran routes in the Cactus Bowl two weeks ago. The Cactus Bowl is an all-star game that showcases the top NCAA Division II players in the nation.

Scouts from every NFL team attended it in preparation for the NFL Draft in April. From what Potucek said, his in-game performance of one reception for 11 yards may not have been enough for the scouts.

"It was tough for me, because they [NFL scouts] were talking all to the tall receivers who were like 6-6," Potucek

said. "The scouts don't realize that us short guys can compete just as well and we might even be better."

The six-foot wide out isn't letting the scouts get him down though. After graduating this spring with a degree in mechanical engineering, Potucek plans on attending scouting combines or workouts, in the Spokane area. And with help from an agent based out of Las Vegas, he will try to find a team to

fit into.

"Right now I need to just work hard and get better at workout tests," Potucek said.

"A lot of importance is on combine workouts right now and if I get good results from those I can hopefully get picked up."

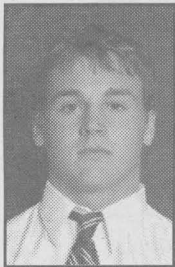
For Central baseball star and recent graduate Troy Martin, it's a slightly different story.

The Tampa Bay Devil Rays signed Martin last August as a free agent.

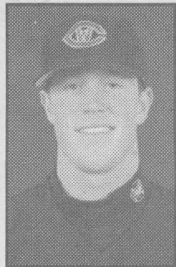
The former Wildcat left fielder, who left Central with a business degree, said he had "two good years at Central," offensively. That is a little understated. Last year he became the school's single season leader for runs batted in, driving in 65 runs with 12 home runs, 16 doubles, and a .363 average.

One would think with those numbers the Devil Rays would be looking at him to swing the bat, but the team signed him as a pitcher, a position Martin hadn't played at since high school.

"I was definitely disappointed when I got picked up as a pitcher," Martin



Brian Potucek
Wide Receiver



Troy Martin
Pitcher/
Outfielder



Michael Bennett/Observer

Senior wide receiver Brian Potucek breaks free from several Western Washington defenders during last October's Battle in Seattle.

said. "But I'm still extremely thankful to be playing baseball and thankful to be given an opportunity."

Major League teams such as the Seattle Mariners and San Diego Padres also looked at Martin, he attended a Los Angeles Dodgers workout in Bellevue, but the Devil Rays saw quality in him as a pitcher.

"Being a tall left-handed pitcher really helps in baseball," Martin said. "It also helped that I threw hard and that I

had a fresh arm that they could develop."

Currently that is what Martin is doing, developing his arm. The Devil Rays gave him a workout manual to follow and more recently a throwing workout program.

He has been working on his pitching game since November and will continue until spring training in March. Martin will leave for spring training in St. Petersburg, Fla. on Feb. 18.

"He's definitely got the talent to go the next level," said former coach and current Wildcat head coach Desi Storey. "And he's a big lefty who throws hard, which is everything they [Major League Baseball] want."

Although Martin was surprised by no invitations from scouts to workout with teams for his offense, he said he looks forward to his possible career.

"It shows hard work really does pay off. I'm excited to start," Martin said.

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HUMBOLDT: High scoring Wildcats face defensive Lumberjacks

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much of a problem with their defense," said Coach Greg Sparling.

On the other hand, the Wildcats' strength is their offense, putting up 88.8 points per game. On the season, the Wildcat defense has allowed opponents to score an average of 83.5 points per game.

"Defensively we need to pick it up," said Sparling. "We want to focus on putting them on the perimeter to cause more turnovers."

The Lumberjacks will be tough to beat having a 6-2 home record. On the flipside, the Wildcats have played exceptionally well on the road posting a 3-1 record. The Lumberjacks average 1079 people in attendance.

To beat the Lumberjacks the Wild-

cats will have to contain their leading scorer junior forward Kevin Johnson, averaging 21.7 points and 9.6 rebounds a game. Part of slowing him down will be keeping the ball out of his hands.

"We want to limit his touches, and get him out on the perimeter more," Sparling said. "It's going to be hard to stop someone who averages 20 [points] and 10 [rebounds] a game, he's a really good player."

Each team has their individual strengths, which plays right into the other team's strength. This game comes down to who can raise the play of their weaknesses.

Students catch the shuttle, hit the slopes

by Jordan Montgomery
Staff reporter

Many students have been taking advantage of the great winter Washington is experiencing. After all, geographically the Central Washington University campus is situated near three very popular ski resorts, including Stevens Pass, the Summit at Snoqualmie, and Mission Ridge. Students have an opportunity to really take advantage of the ski resorts nearby.

"I love the sport and I love the mountain, I wish there was a way to snowboard all year. I guess my season pass will be good enough," said Jamie Hanna, a senior business and economics major. "It doesn't really matter how I get up to the slopes, either through the school or on my own, I just want to go as much as possible."

It might surprise students to learn that Central does not have a ski or snowboarding club. However, there is an opportunity during winter quarter which allows students a chance to go for a few hours of instruction and time to exercise what they learned. It is offered for beginners as well as the more technically advanced skiers and snowboarders.

Central's physical education department has organized four Sun-

day trips up to Mission Ridge. A regular lift ticket price for Mission Ridge is \$37. For a little more than \$50 per trip, participants can receive a lift ticket, transportation and schedule a two-hour lesson taught by Mission Ridge personnel.

These classes will be split according to the individual's abilities, ranging from novice to expert. After the two hour lesson the participants are free to ski for the rest of the day on their own until the bus leaves.

Hanna has gone on these excursions for the last three years.

"It is really better for beginners who don't have their own equipment because they get discounts on the lift tickets and rental equipment," said Hanna.

There is information posted online and on campus reader boards about other trips and outdoor activities. To find more on Central's outdoor activities go to the home website and look up university recreation and then outdoor pursuits and rentals.

Outdoor pursuits and rentals sponsors a shuttle to Snoqualmie Pass every Wednesday and Friday at 3:30 p.m. For more information on the ski and snowboard classes at Mission Ridge contact Steve Jefferies at 963-2241.

WSU Open

Kara Nygard, 400-meters, fourth, 1:00.16

Lindy Mullen, 1 Mile, second, 5:24.51

Haley Amos, pole Vault, seventh
10-08.00 feet

Nicole Cullop, 800-meter, fifth, 2:38.75

Bree Renzetti, shotput, twelfth,
33-09.25 feet

Jason Roberts, 200-meter, ninth, 23.94

Mike Kelley, 400-meter, eighth, 53.63

Cameron Bailey, high Jump, fourth,
6-02.75 feet

Brandon Zueger, long Jump, eighth,
19-06.75 feet

Matthew Valdez, shotput, eighth,
44-01.50 feet

GNAC basketball scoring leaders

Men's

Ryan Diggs WWU	24.4
Grant Dykstra WWU	20.9
Kevin Johnson HSU	20.7
Bernard Seals SU	20.1
Lance Den Boer CWU	19.8
Kemmy Burgess UAA	19.4
Ryan McCarthy NNU	18.4
Dusty Bremerman SPU	18.3
Toni Binetti SPU	18.2
Chris Bannish CWU	17.9

Women's

Beth Layton SMU	20.6
Jen Washington HSU	18.9
Becca Kielpinski UAA	18.3
Laura Wright CWU	15.7
Jamie Corwin CWU	15.1
Tina Donahue WWU	14.9
Mandy Wood SPU	14.8
Courtney Clapp WWU	14.3
Danielle Dwello NNU	13.1
Kelly Fay HSU	13.1

GNAC Standings			
Conference Standings		Conference Standings	
Men's Basketball		Women's Basketball	
Conf.	Overall	Conf.	Overall
Western Washington	7-0	Western Washington	7-0
Seattle Pacific	6-1	Seattle Pacific	6-1
Alaska Fairbanks	5-3	Humboldt State	5-3
Central Washington	4-3	Seattle University	4-3
Alaska Anchorage	4-4	Northwest Nazarene	4-3
Seattle University	3-4	Saint Martins	4-3
Humboldt State	3-4	Central Washington	3-4
Northwest Nazarene	3-4	Alaska Fairbanks	2-5
Western Oregon	1-6	Alaska Anchorage	1-6
Saint Martins	0-7	Western Oregon	0-8
	15-1		10-7
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